

LOUGHBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 21st November 2005

In attendance

Adrian McInnes	President	William Davis Ltd
Michael Smallman	Senior VP	Del Rosa Developments Ltd
Vicki Brind	Secretary	Carillon Windows
Peter Sharpe		Honorary Member
David Pagett-Wright		Moss Solicitors
Alvin Bailiss		Zodiac Recruitment
Jim Harkness		Travail Employment Group
Brian McInnes		Astra Zeneca
Phil Collin		Charnwood Funerals
Robert White		R & J Antique & Modern
Paul Hull		PSH Telecom
Stuart Simpson		Rainbow International
Stephen Foster		Rent-A-Washa
Martin Shannon		Marsh & Moss
Robert Crew		Great Central Railway
Tony Simons		Market Traders Association
Ivor Lovesey		Market Traders Association
Darren Jones		Blueline Entertainment & Attractions
David Exley		Rushes Shopping Centre
Michael Jackson		Pickworths

AMcI welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Ashley Russell of Leicestershire Constabulary who gave a brief and informative update relating to the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership and the upgrade to the town's CCTV system.

1. Apologies for absence

Dick Hornsby, David Urwin, Alex Reid, Roy Jessop.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and there were no matters arising which are not covered elsewhere in the minutes.

3. Local business issues

- a) Loughborough Parish Green Project

AMcI reported that he had attended the open day and that all had gone well.

Also he confirmed that there was now additional funding available for Phase II - Archaeological Works and the next tranche of the CBC money will be available from April.

b) Expo Charnwood

AMcI informed the members that Expo Charnwood would take place between Saturday 29th April and Saturday 9th May 2006. This will be marked by the Twinned Towns 3 Mayors visiting and the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Loughborough University.

An array of activities would be arranged for local businesses and Loughborough University

The next planning meeting will be held late November, early December and AMcI will attend.

Action: AMcI

c) Planning Application - Land adjacent to Windmill Road, Great Central Road, Empress Road and Moor Lane, Loughborough.

It was agreed that the Loughborough Chamber would support the redevelopment of this area.

d) Planning Application – Loughborough Wharf

AMcI leaves the room as he has a vested interest in this matter.

MS reports on a reply he has received from Peter Blitz, Charnwood Borough Council and announces that he has arranged, as discussed at last months meeting, for a presentation to be given to the Executive Committee by both British Waterways and The Wharf Action Group.

The presentation will be held on Tuesday 29th November 2005 at 6.00 p.m. Alvin Bailiss of Zodiac Recruitment, once again kindly offered to host the evening and offered us the use of his meeting room at Ashby House, Ashby Road, Loughborough.

4. Correspondence

- a) Remembrance Day Service – AMcI confirmed that a wreath had been laid on behalf of Loughborough Chamber and a donation made of £50.00.
- b) Fairtrade Steering Group invited a representative from the Chamber to attend their next meeting. Martin Shannon (Marsh & Moss) kindly volunteered to attend.
- c) Leicester Chamber of Commerce Ltd 145th AGM will take place on Friday 2nd December 2005 at 11.30 a.m.

5. Sub Committees

1. Charnwood Community Safety Partnership

Nothing to report

2. Retail Group

Following a discussion on the build up and run of events to Christmas 2005, it was agreed that a meeting would be held as early as January to recruit a 'Christmas Committee' in preparation for 2006.

6. Membership

Following the 'New Members Breakfast Meeting' it was reported that 3 applications had been received.

Vice Versa

Blueline Entertainment & Attraction

Full Square Limited

Applications have also been sent to Hartley Estates, Selena Jo's and Clear View Windows.

7. Marketing

AMcI confirmed that we were still updating our central database and would soon be issuing a pro-forma to all members to enable them to update their details including name, address and contact numbers/email address.

8. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Martin Palmer was not present.

AMcI announced that although our current financial status was not available at this time, he had devised a budget in preparation for 2006.

AMcI confirmed that a pledge of £500.00 had been made on behalf of Loughborough Chamber to the Christmas Advertising Campaign but the money had not been paid.

9. Events

i) Sub Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the Events Sub Committee would meet in early January to plan the forthcoming year. Alvin Bailiss (again) has very kindly offered us the use of Zodiac Recruitment, Ashby House, Ashby Road, Loughborough.

The meeting will take place on Monday 9th January at 5.30 p.m. If anyone is feeling inspirational and are happy to attend, please contact secretary@loughboroughchamber.co.uk.

ii) New Members Breakfast Meeting

As already reported the above event achieved at least 3 new members, and was overall a great success. We also managed to gain a mention in the press!

iii) 2005 Chamber's Annual Luncheon, Midlands Conference Centre, Leicester City Football Club on Friday 2nd December from 1.00 p.m.– 4.00 p.m.

Ten members are to attend the above event, VB to arrange and confirm transportation from the Ramada Hotel to the Walkers Stadium.
AMcI to attend the AGM prior to the luncheon.

Action VB

iv) Executive Members Christmas Dinner.

To be held on the night of the December meeting, Monday 19th December @ 7.00p.m.
The Printroom Café Bar.

The cost will be £22.95 per person. A copy of the menu can be found on their website.

VB to collect payment/menus by end of November, early December and confirm numbers to The Printroom.

Action VB

Forthcoming monthly Executive Committee Meetings

19 th December	-	The Printroom Café Bar
16 th January	-	Loughborough University
20 th February	-	Ramada Jarvis

VB to confirm our forthcoming agenda with the Ramada Hotel.

Action VB

10. Any other business

Discussion took place on the car parking as a report was going to the Cabinet who have to respond to the Scrutiny Committee. It was thought that most of the Chamber's requests had been ruled out and in particular that 'Pay on Exit' was being decided on. A McInnes agreed to look at the papers from the Council's website and to write as necessary.

Brian McInnes raised the issue of the main objectives for the next year and it was agreed that there would be a discussion at the next meeting (January) prior to the AGM.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19th December 2005 @ 7.00 p.m. - The Printroom Café Bar, Woodgate, Loughborough.

Merry Christmas to you all and a very prosperous New Year!